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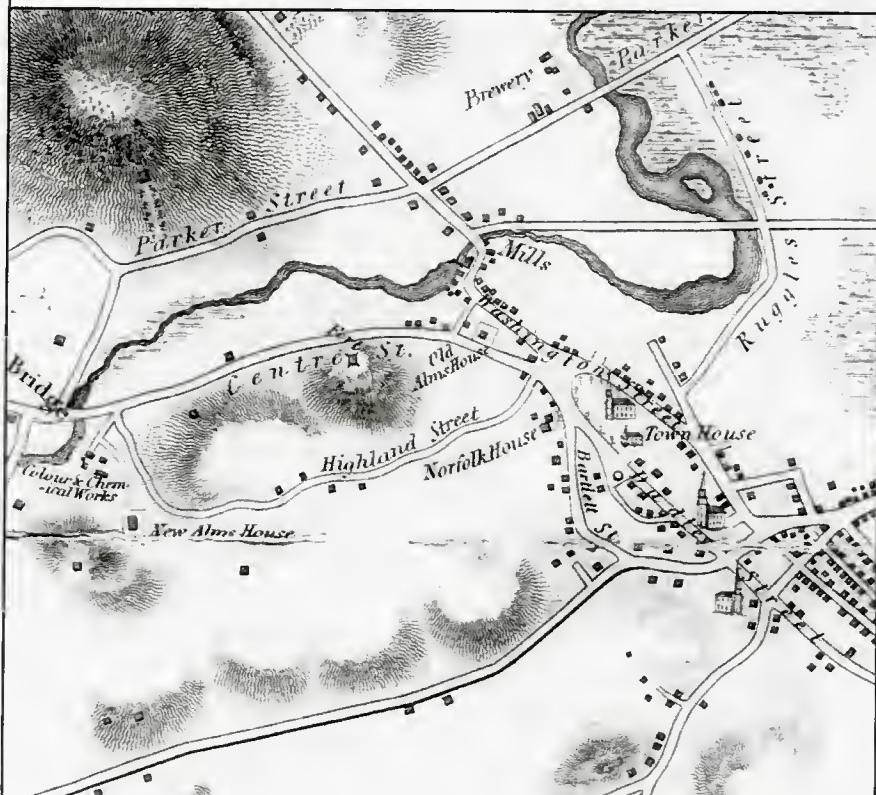
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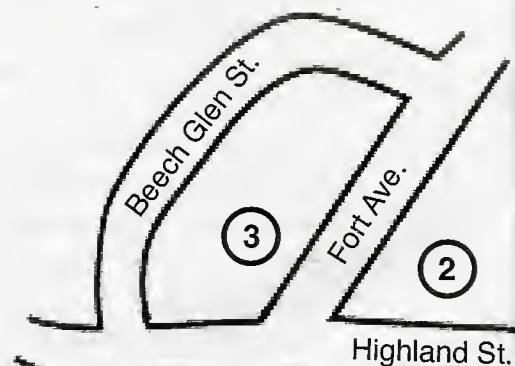
The Millennium Trail was a 1990s failed federal program to create historic trails through US cities and towns, including in Roxbury where only one plaque was installed.

Four high school students in RCC's Upward Bound 2012 summer program investigated historic sites in Roxbury through community exploration, online research, and collaborative arts exercises. We considered how these sites and stories are relevant today in the New Millennium, how they resonate with our own experiences, and what we could do to continue the struggle for social progress. We are sharing our findings through this arts publication: a self-guided tour of our own Roxbury Millennium Trail.



## 1) Southwest Corridor

Protests in the 1960s and '70s stopped the Southwest Expressway (I-95) and Inner Belt (I-695) from tearing through Roxbury. The community reclaimed the cleared land in the 1980s by helping to plan a new subway line and the Southwest Corridor Park.



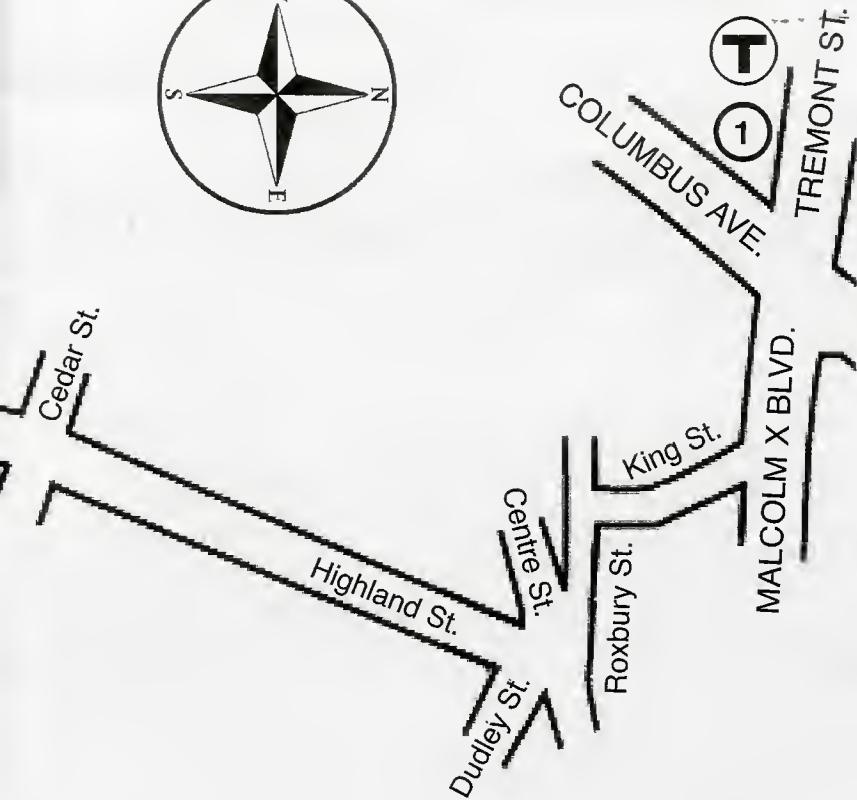
## 2) Rockledge

William Lloyd Garrison, editor of the Abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator*, retired here in 1865 following the Emancipation Proclamation.





## ROXBURY CROSSING

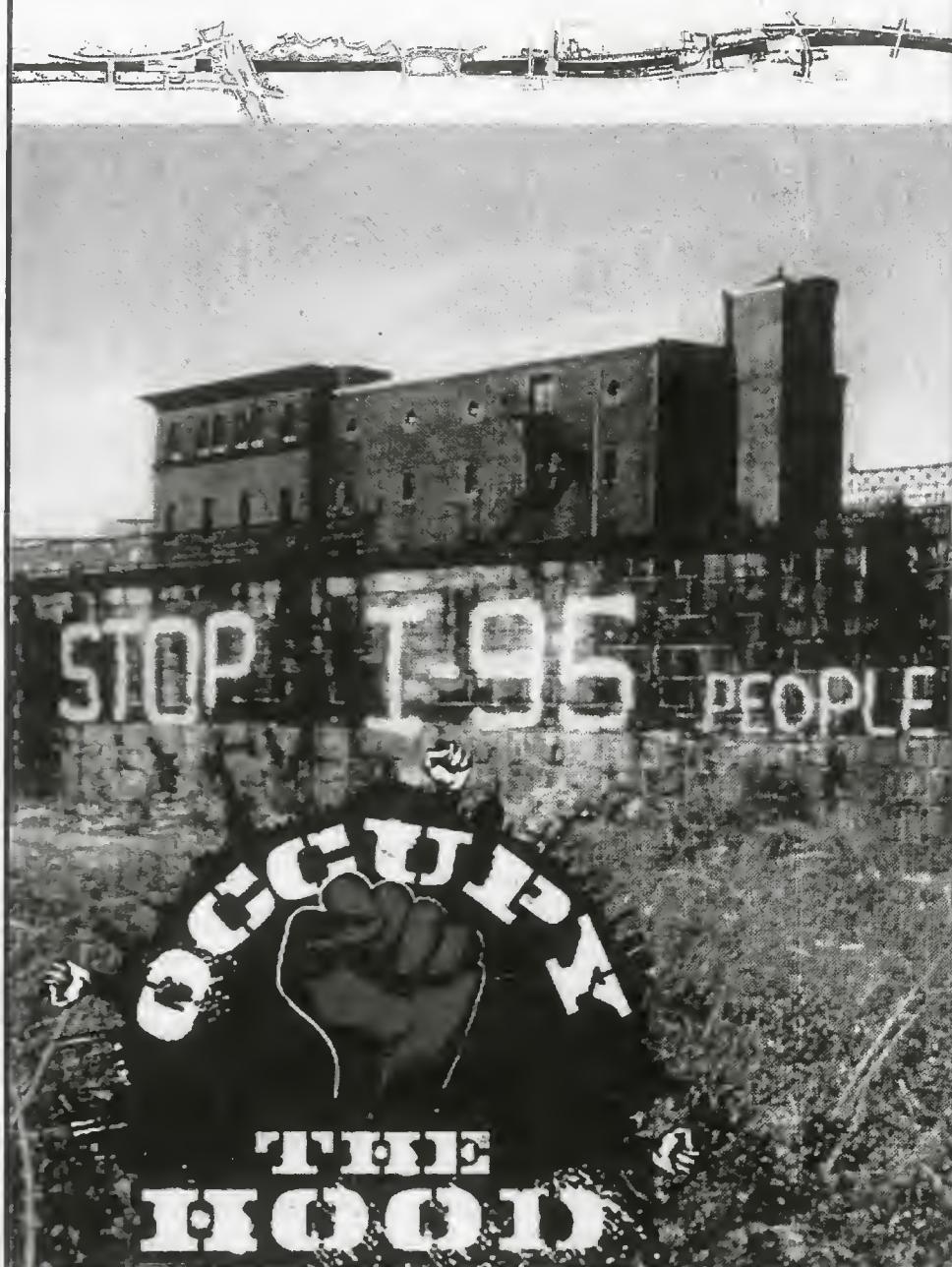


### 3) Cochituate Standpipe

The Standpipe was built in 1869 as a water tower for the Highland Park neighborhood. In 1917 a deck was added for an observatory. Plaques on the railings described the Siege of Boston and the events, on this hill and elsewhere, leading up to the Fortification of Dorchester Heights during the American Revolution. The deck fell one night in the 1970s and has yet to be replaced.

### 4) Malcolm X House

Then known as Malcolm Little, he spent his teenage years at 72 Dale Street in Roxbury in the 1940s. In 1947 he was arrested for larceny. While in prison he discovered Islam, which propelled him to become Malcolm X: a great leader in the Black Nationalist movement.



What made Boston's anti-highway movement so successful and how can OCCUPY THE HOOD learn from its success?



# OCCUPY THE HOOD BOSTON

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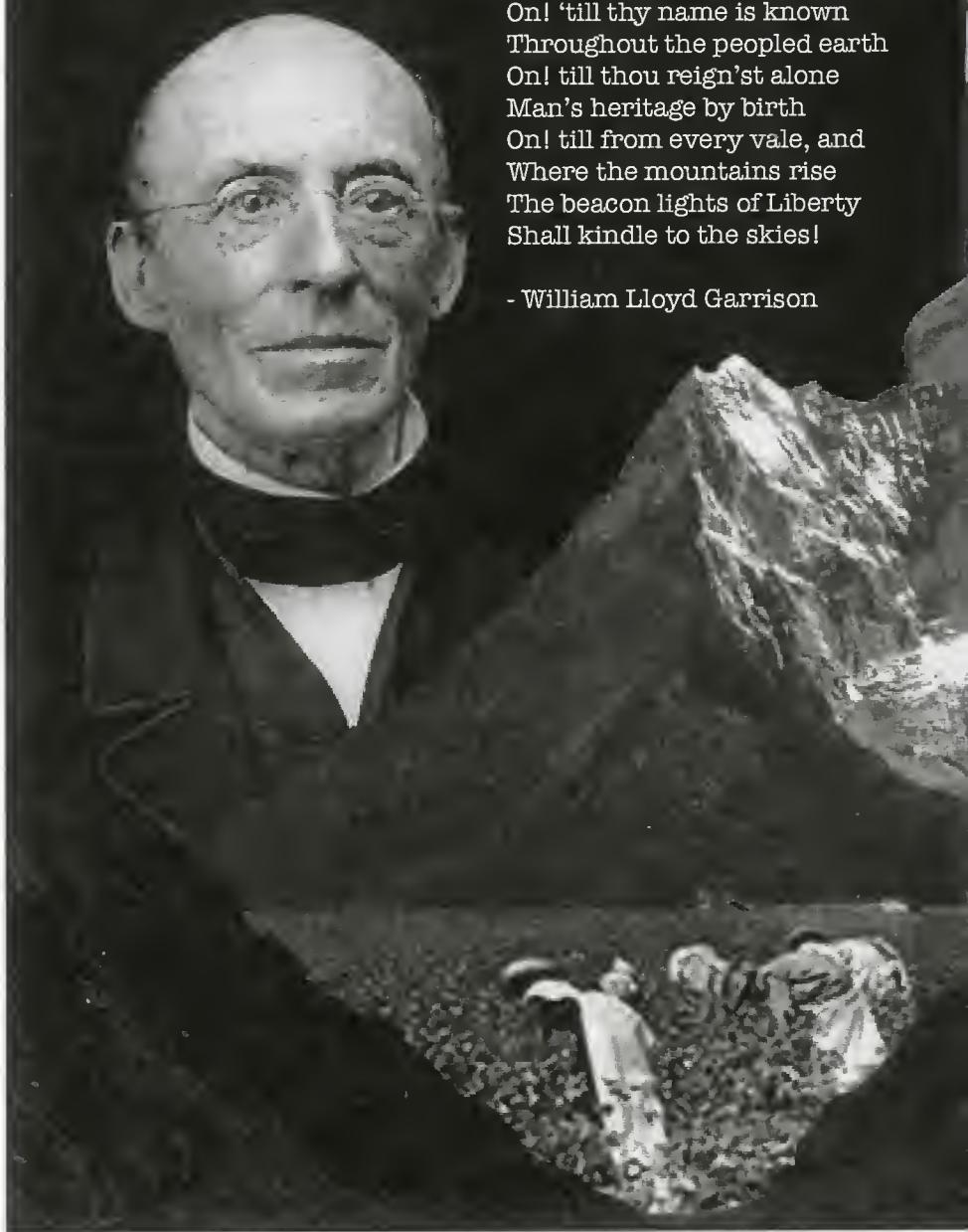
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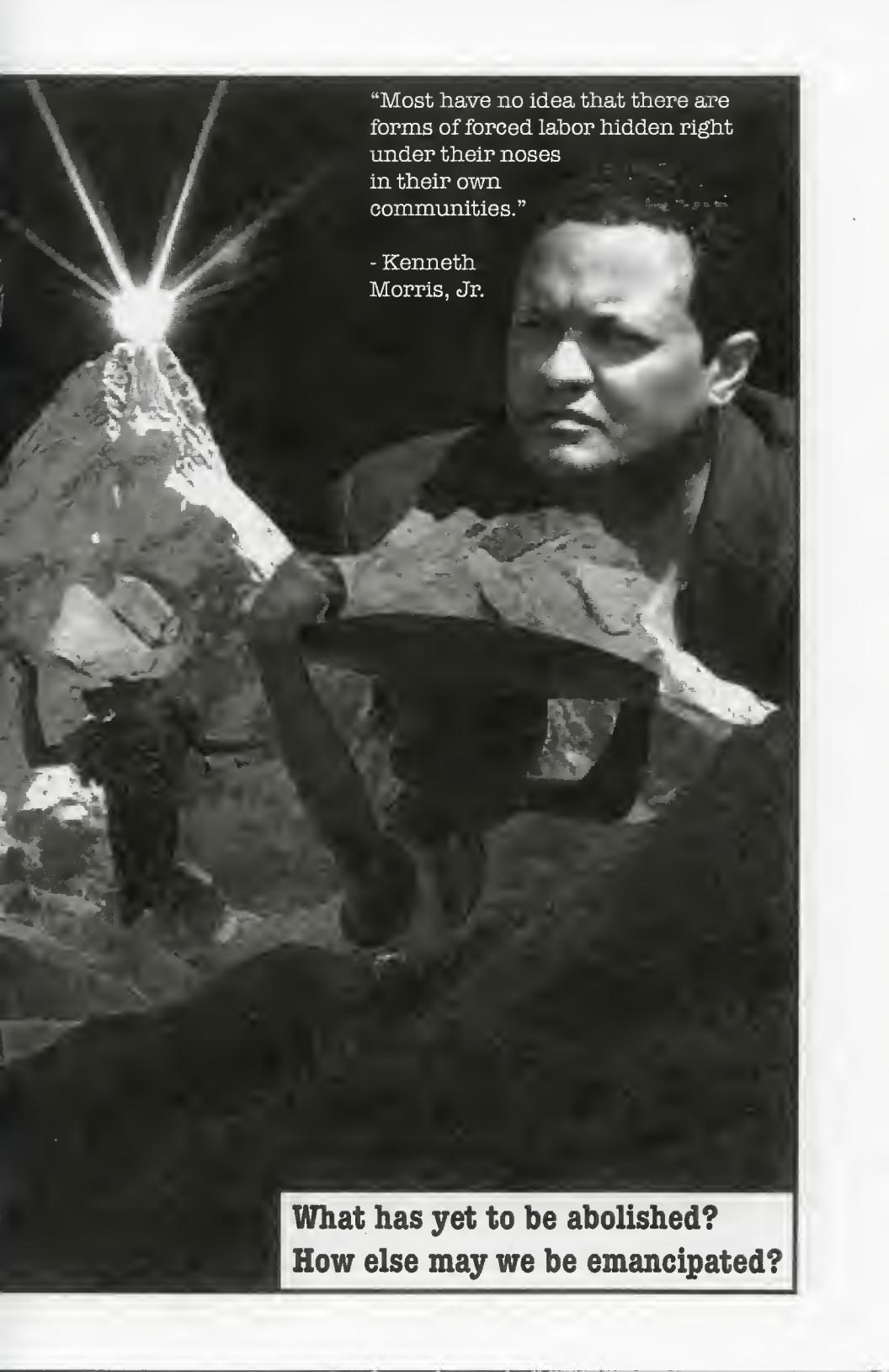
Spirit of Freedom! on – Oh! pause not in thy flight  
Till every clime is won, to worship in thy light  
Speed on thy glorious way, and wake the sleeping lands!  
Millions are watching for the ray, and lift to thee their hands  
Still Onward! be thy cry – Thy banner on the blast; And, like a tempest,

As thou rushest by, despots shall shrink aghast

On! 'till thy name is known  
Throughout the peopled earth  
On! till thou reign'st alone  
Man's heritage by birth  
On! till from every vale, and  
Where the mountains rise  
The beacon lights of Liberty  
Shall kindle to the skies!

- William Lloyd Garrison





"Most have no idea that there are forms of forced labor hidden right under their noses in their own communities."

- Kenneth Morris, Jr.

**What has yet to be abolished?  
How else may we be emancipated?**



Opportunity

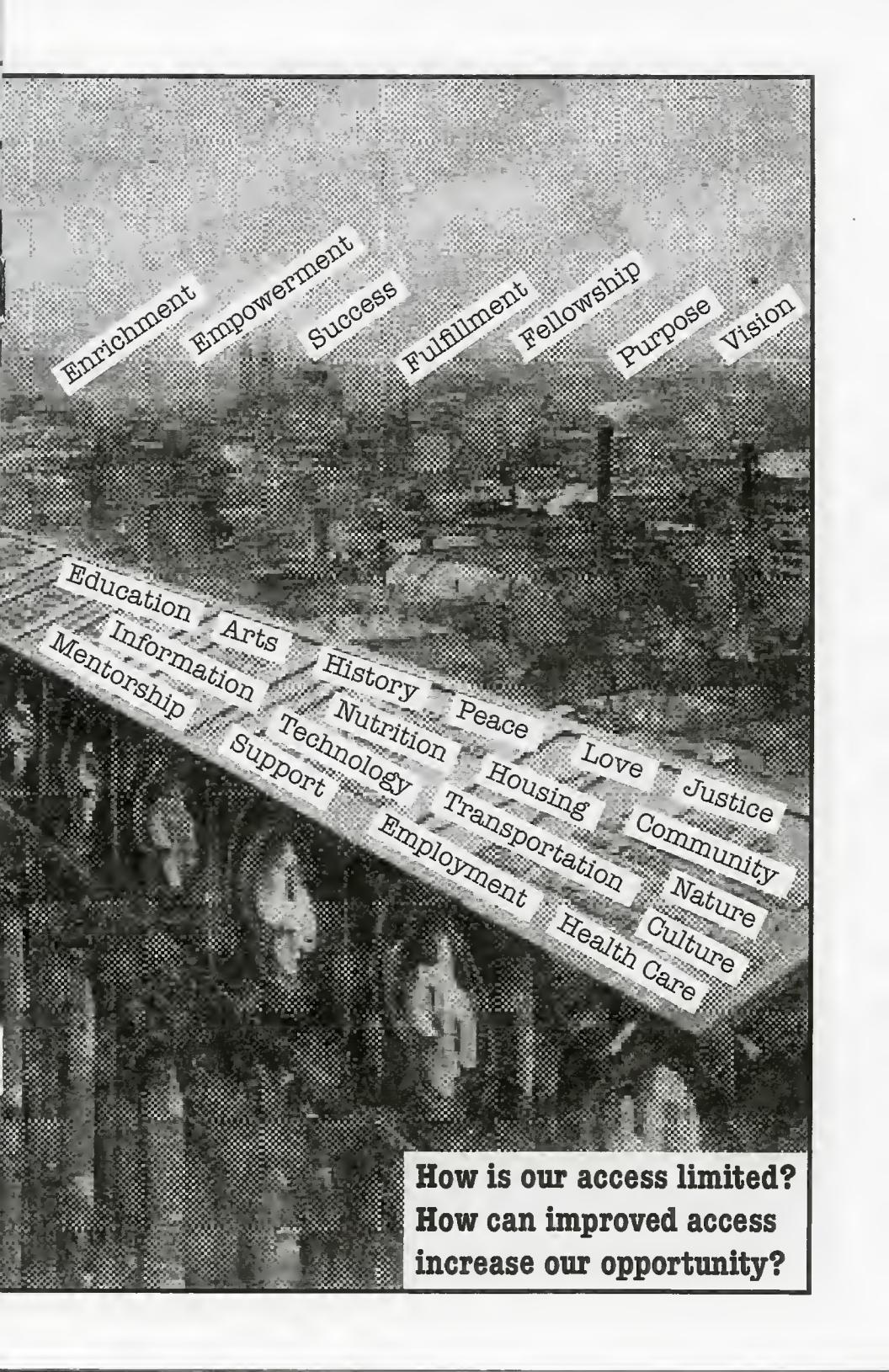
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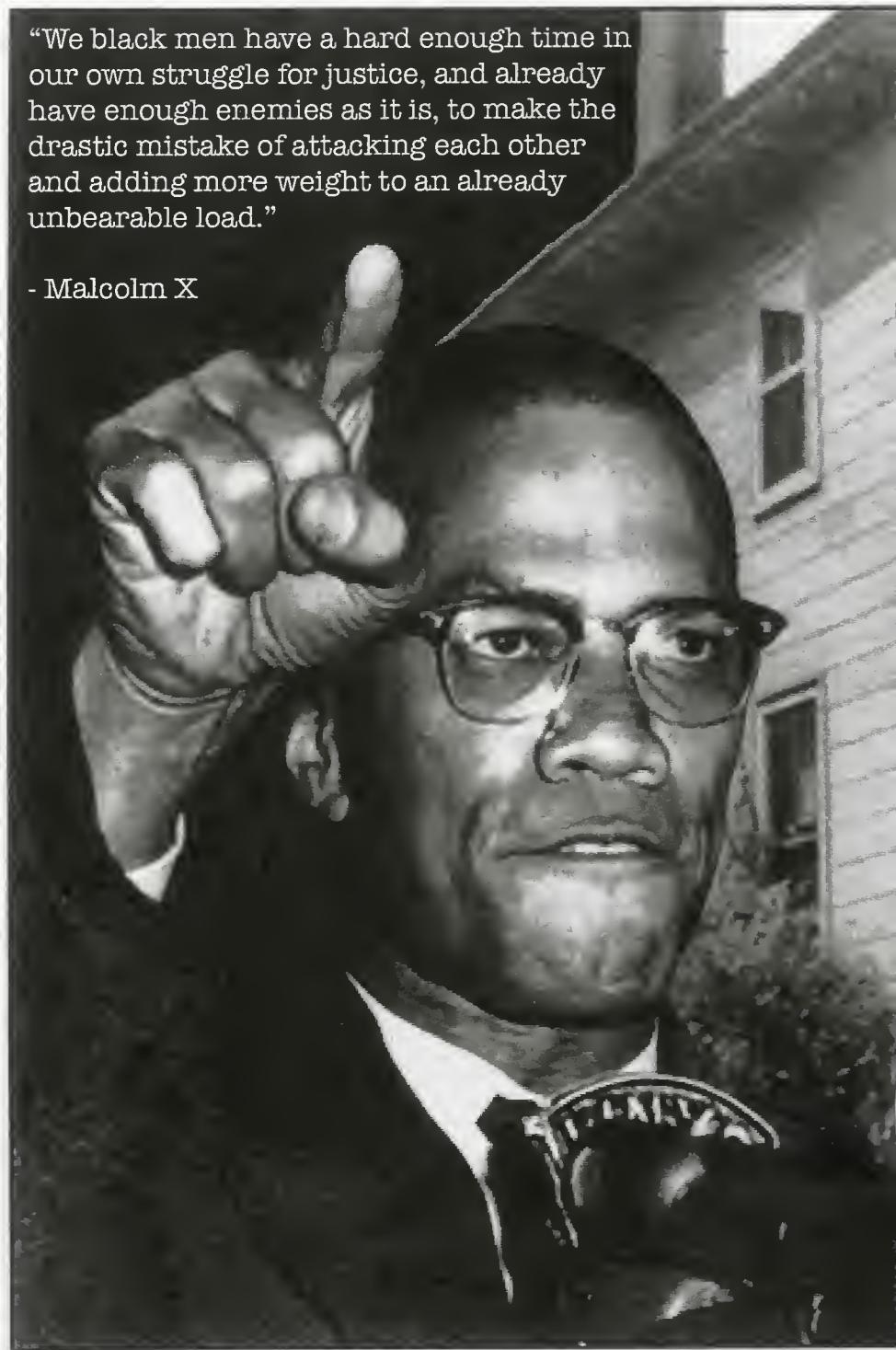
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**How is our access limited?  
How can improved access  
increase our opportunity?**

“We black men have a hard enough time in our own struggle for justice, and already have enough enemies as it is, to make the drastic mistake of attacking each other and adding more weight to an already unbearable load.”

- Malcolm X



Fatal triple stabbing near  
set of "The Heat" in Roxbury

Man stabbed to death near  
Sandra Bullock crime film set

One killed, two wounded in stabbing  
in Boston's Dudley Square as  
Sandra Bullock movie films nearby

Who influences the youth?

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